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## Cromwell Advertisements



THE PEOPLE'S BAKERY.

J. SCOTT,

BREAD AND BISCUIT BAKER,

Melmore-street, Cromwell.

Families waited on for orders, and Bread regularly delivered in all parts of the district.

BRIDGE HOTEL, CROMWELL.

JOHN MARSH,

Of the Bridge Hotel, Cromwell,

IS DETERMINED TO GIVE VALUE FOR MONEY.



CROMWELL VETERINARY

SHOEING FORGE.

Next door to Smitham's Kaurau Hotel.

EDWARD LINDSAY,

(Late of Clyde and Melbourne),

GENERAL BLACKSMITH, FARRIER,

AND MACHINIST.

E. L. begs to inform the public of Cromwell

that he has purchased the business of Mr Thompson,

and trusts by strict attention to business,

and the execution of all work placed in his hands

in a first-class and workmanlike manner, to

the continuance of the support accorded his

predecessor.

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CROMWELL HOTEL,  
CROMWELL.

ROBERT KIDD, PROPRIETOR.

The travelling public and Commercial Gentlemen will find this the most convenient house to put up at in Cromwell. There are excellent bed, private sitting, and dining rooms, and attached to the establishment is a magnificent Billiard Saloon, and the largest hall for Concerts, Balls, or Theatrical Representations out of Dunedin.

Excellent Stabling, &c.

CROMWELL.

M R M A N D E R S,  
LEGAL AND MINING AGENT.

Registered to practise in the Warden's Courts for the Dunstan Goldfields.

Agent for the Northern Fire and Life Insurance Company (capital Two Millions).

W. H. W H E T T E R,  
BOOTMAKER,

MELMORE-STREET, CROMWELL.

A large and varied stock of Home and Colonial made Boots and Shoes on hand, to which attention is respectfully requested.

PRICES MODERATE.

DAGG'S

CLUTHA HOTEL,

CROMWELL.

Best Accommodation for Visitors.

PRETTY FAIR LIQUOR.

FIRST-CLASS STABLING.

[A CARD.]

CHARLES BEEBY  
WATCHMAKER

AND

MANUFACTURING JEWELLER,

MELMORE-STREET

(Next Smitham's Kaurau Hotel),

CROMWELL.

L I M E ! L I M E ! L I M E ! !

From the DEEP CREEK KILNS.

I. HALLÉNSTEIN & CO.,

Agents for the Cromwell District.

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JUNCTION  
COMMERCIAL HOTEL,  
CROMWELL.

G. W. GOODGER,

PROPRIETOR.

IN returning thanks for past favors, begs to announce that neither trouble nor expense have been spared to render the above establishment second to none upon the Goldfields.

Being situated in the very centre of the town, it affords every convenience for Commercial Travellers and others visiting the Cromwell district.

The Bedrooms, Private Parlors, &c., Are fitted up with every regard to comfort and convenience.

The BILLIARD SALOON (the largest in the district) is provided with one of Alcock's Tables.

Extra attention has been bestowed upon the STABLING DEPARTMENT, and as it has been placed under the management of an experienced groom, the public may rely upon every care being taken of Horses.

Smithfield Butchery Company.



OWEN PIERCE (late of St. Bathans) having purchased from Mr W. J. BARRY the Butchery Business lately carried on by him in Cromwell, begs to intimate that he is in a position to supply the best description of meat at moderate prices.

O. P. hopes by strict attention to business, and keeping meat of the very best quality, to obtain a share of public support.

SPARKS FROM THE ANVIL.

WILLIAM BARNES,  
BLACKSMITH AND FARRIER,  
(Late of Adlestone, Surrey),

Begs to announce to the inhabitants of CROMWELL and the surrounding Districts that he is now carrying on the above business near the Bridge Hotel; and trusts, by strict attention to business, coupled with moderate charges, to secure a share of the work of the district.

SHAMROCK STORE,

CROMWELL.

WILLIAM SHANLY & Co.,

WHOLESALE AND RETAIL

WINE, SPIRIT, AND PROVISION

MERCHANTS.

A large and varied assortment of

WINES, SPIRITS, AND GROCERIES.

Goods delivered in all parts of the district, free of charge.

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KAWARAU HOTEL,  
CROMWELL.

WILLIAM SMITHAM, PROPRIETOR.

The best conducted and most comfortable Hotel in the District.

A FIRST-CLASS BILLIARD ROOM,  
With five of Alcock's best Tables.

Coches leave for Queenstown and Arrow every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, at 9 a.m.; for Clyde every Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday, at 3.30 p.m.; and for Carlotta and Albertown every Wednesday at 9 a.m.

N.B.—W. S. having erected a large range of Stabling, would intimate to Travellers that every care will be bestowed upon horses. An experienced groom in attendance.

DAVID WEAVER,  
Wholesale and Retail

STOREKEEPER,

WINE AND SPIRIT MERCHANT,

Melmore-street, Cromwell.

D. WEAVER begs to inform the Inhabitants of Cromwell and surrounding Districts that having bought the Premises lately occupied by Mr DAVID BOOTH, he has now on hand an assorted

STOCK OF NEW GOODS;

Consisting of

Wines and Spirits, Groceries, Drapery, Boots, &c. &c.,

of the best qualities; and trusts, by strict attention to business, and moderate prices, to merit a share of public patronage.

CROMWELL.



FREE TRADE BUTCHERY,

(Wholesale and Retail),

JAMES DAWKINS, PROPRIETOR.

A supply of Beef, Mutton, Veal, Pork, Hams, Bacon, &c., always on hand.

Meat delivered at Town Prices throughout the district.

[A CARD.]

DR. JAMES CORSE,  
SURGEON,

May be consulted daily at his residence,

MELMORE-STREET,

CROMWELL.

[A CARD.]

R. F. BADGER,  
LEGAL AND MINING AGENT,

MELMORE-STREET,

CROMWELL;

AND AT BENDIGO GULLY.



New Line of  
ROYAL MAIL COACHES

BETWEEN

Queenstown and Clyde.

R. W. DANIEL begs to intimate that he has started his new line of Coaches between Clyde, Cromwell, and Queenstown, leaving Clyde on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, and Queenstown on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays.

NOTICE.

WE, the undersigned, beg to inform the inhabitants of the Cromwell, Alexandra, and Clyde districts that we have appointed

I. HALLÉNSTEIN & CO.,

CROMWELL,

as our only Agents for the sale of our Silk-dressed FLOUR, BRAN, and POLLARD.

We guarantee all Flour branded with our name and obtained through the above agents.

ROBERTSON & HALLÉNSTEIN,

Brunswick Flour Mills,

Lake Wakatipu.

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SMILING OFF! SELLING OFF!

SPECIAL ATTRACTION! SELLING OFF!  
GENERAL MERCHANTS,  
L. HALLENSTEIN & CO.,  
AND  
CLOTHIERS.

Having finished STOCK-TAKING, we find it advisable to reduce our present large Stock of

DRAPERY!  
CLOTHING, BOOTS & SHOES,

And General Goods,

Which will be sold at CONSIDERABLE REDUCTIONS on former prices.

We have not quoted prices, but those favouring us with a call will find that the Goods are offered at cheaper rates than anywhere else in the district.

\* The Sale commenced yesterday (Tuesday), February 8th, and continues till the end of the month.

FOR SIX WEEKS ONLY. BARGAINS. T E BARGAINS. FOR SIX WEEKS ONLY.  
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LONDON HOUSE  
CROMWELL & CLYDE.

A. FITCH

Has determined to CLEAR OUT the whole of his Large Stock of

SUMMER DRAPERY, BOOTS, AND CLOTHING,

And would call the attention of the Public to the following examples of the SWEEPING REDUCTIONS made in the PRICES:

GREAT SACRIFICES  
IN ALL THE

SUMMER DRAPERY.

Hoyle's best Prints, from 7d per yard  
Muslins, Muslins, reduced to half price  
Fancy Dresses sold at prime cost, and must be cleared to make room for winter goods  
French Merinos, Alpacs, and Colours at any price  
Best Calicoes sold for 5s 11d per dozen yards  
Sheetings, in all widths, equally low  
A large stock of Ladies' Underclothing at half price  
Stays, Stays, Stays, from 5s 6d  
Maid's Stays, from 3s 11d  
Hosiery, Gloves, and Ribbons at cost price  
A large assortment of Ladies' and Children's Hats—Leghorn Hats, 6s 6d—worth 8s 6d.

MUST BE SOLD,

All our large stock of MEN'S and BOYS' CLOTHING, and at such prices as to defy competition:—

Moles, Moles, Moles, 6s 6d  
Tweed Trousers, 11s 6d  
Sydney Tweed Coats, 20s  
Trousers and Vests, calf price  
Shirts, Shirts, Shirts—in fancy jean, 3s 6d;  
all-wool Crimeans, 6s 6d  
Flannels, Flannels, 6s 6d  
Best knitted Drawers, 6s 6d  
Tweed Hats, from 4s 11d  
Life Preservers, or Miner's Friend, in the shape of Watertight Boots, 17s 11d—usual price, 22s 6d  
50 pairs Men's E.S. Boots, giving away at 11s 6d

A LARGE STOCK OF

LADIES' AND CHILDREN'S BOOTS,  
Reduced to Very Low Figures.

A. F., in drawing the attention of the public to the above low prices, begs to state that this is no puff, but a GENUINE CHEAP SALE.

Be in time to secure some of the Bargains.

All Books Closed during the Sale.

TERMS CASH.

## BUSINESS DIRECTORY.

Advertisers in the CROMWELL ARGUS will have their names and addresses inserted in this column free of charge.

## CROMWELL.

Badger, R. F., Agent, Melmore street  
Barnes, W., Blacksmith and Farrier, do.  
Beeby, Charles, Watchmaker and Jeweller, Melmore-street  
Clyde, Cromwell, and Queenstown Coach: R. W. Daniels,  
Corse, Dr James, Surgeon, do.  
Dawkins, James, Free Trade Butchery, do.  
Dagg, R. E., Clutha Hotel, do.  
Fitch, Allen, Draper and Clothier, do.  
Goodger, G. W., Junction Commercial Hotel, Melmore-street  
Lindsay, E., Blacksmith, Melmore-street  
Scott, J., Baker do.  
Marsh, John, Bridge Hotel, do.  
Kidd, Robert, Cromwell Hotel, do.  
Manders, H., Agent, do.  
Whetter, W. H., Bootmaker, do.  
Kelly, John M., Cordial Manufacturer, Melmore-street  
Pierce, O., Smithfield Butchery, Melmore-st.  
Shanley, W., & Co., General Merchants, do.  
Smitham, William, Kawarau Hotel, do.  
Hallenstein, I., & Co., Merchants, do.  
Weaver, David, General Merchant, do.  
Matthews & Fenwick, General Printers, do.  
Hallenstein, I., & Co., Drapers and Clothiers

## CLYDE.

Auckland, W., Painter, Paperhanger, &c.  
Barlow, R., Watchmaker and Jeweller  
Brough, Anthony, Barrister and Solicitor  
Fitch, Allen, Draper and Outfitter  
Riley, Edward, Junction Hotel  
Marshall, M., Chemist and Druggist  
Cox, John, Port Philip Hotel  
Hazlett, James, General Merchant

## ALEXANDRA.

Beresford, W., Builder and Undertaker  
Jack, Alexander, Criterion Hotel  
Mason, J. H., Royal Mail Hotel.

## BENDIGO GULLY &amp; ROAD.

Beare, J., Reefers' Arms Hotel and Store  
Mercer, Francis, Temperance Restaurant  
Mitchinson and Harrison, Storekeepers  
McPherson, H., Wakefield Ferry and Hotel, Rocky Point  
Perriam, John, Welcome Home Hotel and Store, Lowburn.

Rocky Point Ferry: John McCormick  
Smith and O'Donnell, Old Bendigo Hotel and Stores  
Stevenson, J., AI Bakery

## KAWARAU GORGE.

Campion, Nicholas, Diggers' Rest Hotel  
Heron, Thomas, White Hart Hotel  
Wrightson, John, Sluicers' Arms Hotel,

## BANNOCKBURN.

Halliday, J., Shepherd's Creek Hotel & Store  
Nicholas, J., Gladstone Coal Works  
Richards, J., Bannockburn Hotel and Store  
Stuart, James, Ferry Hotel.

## NEVIS.

Carnaby, George, British Stores  
Korff, C., Nevis Crossing Hotel and Store  
Thompson, Edward, Northumberland Arms Hotel and Store.

## QUEENSTOWN.

Boyne, Robert, Storekeeper and News Agent  
Bridge, J., General Blacksmith and Farrier  
Dohey, P., Union Hotel  
Eichardt, A., Queen's Arms Hotel  
McLarn, W., Prince of Wales Hotel  
Robertson, J. W., & Co., Timber Merchants  
Robertson & Hallenstein, Brunswick Flour Mills  
Smith, P., Watchmaker and Jeweller,

## ARROWTOWN.

Butler's Accommodation Paddock  
Pritchard, R., General Merchant,

## WANAKA.

Heddlitch & Russell, Wanaka Hotel, Pembroke

## DUNEDIN.

Baird, William, Bookseller and Stationer  
Beaver, A., Watchmaker and Jeweller  
Brathwaite, Joseph, News-agent, Fleet-street  
Chaplin, John, & Co., Coach Proprietors  
Dickson, T., Cabinetmaker and Upholsterer  
Hay Brothers, Tailors and Outfitters  
Hislop, John, Watchmaker and Jeweller  
Key, W., Cabinetmaker and Upholsterer  
Kincaid, McQueen and Co., Vulcan Foundry  
London Pianoforte and Music Saloon  
Matthews, George, Nurseryman, Seedsman, and Seed-grower  
Ottago Hotel: T. A. Jones  
Reith & Wilkie, Booksellers and Stationers  
Salomon, N., Watchmaker and Jeweller  
Simkitt, W., Tailor and Clothier  
Skirving and Schofield, Advertising and Commission Agents  
Sparrow and Thomas, Dunedin Ironworks  
Tosfield, Frederick, Watchmaker & Jeweller  
Thompson, W., Red Lion Hotel  
Wilson, W., Engineer, Boilermaker, &c.  
Winstanley, Thomas, Scandinavian Hotel  
Wheeler, R. T., Advertising and General Commission Agent  
York Hotel: Alex. McE.

## MISCELLANEOUS.

Fenwick, R., East Tairā Hotel  
Hawes Saw Mills: J. D. Ross, proprietor  
Hanger, A., Vulcan Hotel, St. Bathans  
Maidman, H., Albion Hotel and Store, Luggate  
MacKenzie, Hugh, Junction Hotel, between Tumples and Teylors

## Bendigo Gully, Lowburn, &amp;c.

WELCOME HOME HOTEL  
AND STORE,

## LOWBURN.

About three miles from Cromwell, on the road to the Bendigo Reefs.

JOHN PERRIAM, PROPRIETOR.

Every accommodation for Travellers.

OPENING  
OF THE

## ROCKY POINT FERRY.

The large and well-furnished PUNT in connection with the above Ferry being now COMPLETED, the undersigned has great pleasure in informing the public that he is in a position to cross the heaviest Six-horse Waggon, and Vehicles of all descriptions, at VERY MODERATE RATES.

Persons visiting Bendigo Gully on horseback can be crossed at this Ferry at the reasonable charge of 1s. 6d.; Foot Passengers, 6d.

JOHN M'CORMICK.

## WAKEFIELD FERRY HOTEL,

## ROCKY POINT,

On the main road to Bendigo.

The best quality of Wines, Spirits, and Beers kept in stock.

Good accommodation for travellers,  
\* District Post Office. \*

## THE WAKEFIELD FERRY

Is the best and safest crossing-place on the Clutha River, and is on the direct road to the Bendigo Reefs.

The Punt and Boats are worked by careful and experienced boatmen, and the heaviest waggons can be crossed at any time with perfect safety.

## MITCHINSON &amp; HARRISON,

Wholesale and Retail

## STOREKEEPERS,

WINE, SPIRIT, AND PROVISION MERCHANTS,

## CHANTS,

(Near Cromwell Quartz Co.'s Machine),

## BENDIGO.

GOODS DELIVERED

At all parts of the Reefs.

## REEFERS' ARMS HOTEL,

## Logantown.

JAMES BEARE, PROPRIETOR.

The above house is the largest and most comfortable in the district.

GOOD STABLING,

GENERAL STORE attached to the Hotel, with a large and varied stock of Groceries and other goods.

CROMWELL PRICES.

## MERCER'S

## TEMPERANCE RESTAURANT,

## LOGANTOWN,

## BENDIGO REEFS.

The only establishment on Bendigo where Travellers can depend on getting MEALS AT ALL HOURS, in quickness and comfort.

The house is conducted strictly on TEMPERANCE PRINCIPLES.

The Restaurant is under the immediate management of Mrs Mercer, and visitors may rest assured that every attention will be paid to their wants.

In order to keep pace with the increasing requirements of the township, the proprietor is about to make extensive improvements on the premises, and will shortly be in a position to offer excellent SLEEPING ACCOMMODATION to Boarders and Travellers.

Charges very moderate.

FRANCIS MERCER,

Proprietor,

BENDIGO GULLY REEFS.

## OLD BENDIGO HOTEL

## AND

## STORES.

SMITH & O'DONNELL.

\* Migrants and Travellers can have first-class accommodation, and may obtain every information respecting the locality.

Good Stabling; Horse-feed always on hand.

New Stone Premises are now being erected.

## Bendigo Gully

AI BAKERY, LOGANTOWN,  
BENDIGO GULLY.

## J. STEVENSON

Has much pleasure in informing the Residents of the BENDIGO GULLY DISTRICT that he is now prepared to SUPPLY them with

BREAD OF THE BEST QUALITY,  
At their own residences, Daily.

FOUR-POUND LOAF, ONE SHILLING.

A choice assortment of BISCUITS and CONFECTIONERY always kept in stock.

## Queenstown

## DOHEY'S UNION HOTEL,

CORNER OF

BALLARAT & REE'S STREETS,

QUEENSTOWN.

The above is one of the oldest-established houses in Queenstown, and is celebrated for the superior quality of the Wines, Spirits, &c., kept in stock.

GOOD STABLING.

## P. SMITH,

## PRACTICAL WATCH &amp; CLOCK MAKER,

BEACH-STREET, QUEENSTOWN.

FROM ONE OF THE LARGEST FIRMS IN ENGLAND.

Repairs Neatly Executed.

## PRINCE OF WALES HOTEL,

(Corner of Beach and Rees streets),

QUEENSTOWN.

W. McLARN, PROPRIETOR.

The above Hotel continues to keep up its reputation as one of the most comfortable in the Wakatipu district. The best accommodation for visitors and boarders.

FIRST-CLASS STABLING.

The only paddock accommodation in the district.

The Pioneer of Sixpenny Drinks.

## QUEENSTOWN SHOEING FORGE.

## J. BRIDGE,

General Blacksmith and Farrier,

REES STREET, QUEENSTOWN.

First-rate Stabling: good Oaten Hay.

HORSES FOR HIRE.

## QUEEN'S ARMS HOTEL,

QUEENSTOWN.

A. EICHARDT, PROPRIETOR.

Private Rooms for Families.

SAMPLE ROOMS FOR COMMERCIAL TRAVELLERS.

A large and commodious STABLE, capable of accommodating twenty horses, has recently been completed, and has been pronounced by all who have visited the district as second to none in Dunedin. An experienced groom in attendance.

Booking Office for Cobb & Co.'s line of Coaches.

## WAKATIP SAW MILLS.

J. W. ROBERTSON & CO.,

TIMBER MERCHANTS,

QUEENSTOWN.

Every description of SAWN TIMBER constantly on hand, at FRANKTON and QUEENSTOWN.

## ROBERT BOYNE,

## GENERAL STOREKEEPER

AND NEWS AGENT,

Queenstown, Lake Wakatip.

A large stock of Groceries and other goods always on hand. Importer of English and Colonial Newspapers. Orders punctually attended to, and newspapers forwarded to any part of the district.

Agent for the CROMWELL ARGUS.

MUSIC! MUSIC!! MUSIC!!!

700 PIECES of VOCAL and INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC, including some of Handel's, Haydn's, Mozart's, and other standard composers' works. Also, a TEN-STOP HARMONIUM, in Walnut Case.

BRITISH STORES,

Nevis.

## Arrowtown

R. PRITCHARD,  
Wholesale and Retail Storekeeper,

WINE, SPIRIT, AND PROVISION MERCHANT,  
ARROWTOWN.

The largest and best-assorted stock of Wines, Spirits, Groceries, and Provisions in the district.  
A well-assorted stock of Boots and Shoes, Drapery, &c.

Agent for T. ROBINSON & Co., Agricultural Implement Manufacturers, Dunedin & Melbourne.

## ARROWTOWN.

BUTLER'S ACCOMMODATION Paddock,  
One Shilling per Night.

GOOD STABLING.

## Clyde

## MR ANTHONY BROUGH,

BARRISTER,

SOLICITOR, & CONVEYANCER.

OFFICE, CLYDE.

## MEDICAL HALL, CLYDE.

M. MARSHALL,

## CHEMIST AND DRUGGIST,

SUNDERLAND-ST., CLYDE.

Prescriptions carefully prepared.

BOOKSELLER, STATIONER, AND NEWS-VENDER.

Importer of English, Foreign, and Colonial Newspapers and Magazines.

Libraries and Magazine Clubs supplied at a small advance upon English prices.

## PORT PHILIP HOTEL,

SUNDERLAND-STREET, CLYDE.

JOHN COX, PROPRIETOR.

This well-known hotel possesses every accommodation for the comfort and convenience of Travellers and Boarders, and the Proprietor begs to assure the public that no effort will be spared on his part to maintain the favourable reputation the house has already acquired.

A range of STABLING is in course of erection, which, when completed, will be second to none out of Dunedin; and travellers may rely upon every care being taken of horses baited at the Port Philip Stables.

## JAMES HAZLETT,

WHOLESALE STOREKEEPER,

WINE AND SPIRIT MERCHANT,

SUNDERLAND-STREET,

CLYDE.

The largest and best-selected Stock of

WINES,

SPIRITS,

GROCERIES.

PROVISIONS.

Packers Supplied at Lowest Rates.

\* Agent for Marshall & Copeland's BEER, in Bulk and Bottle.

To the Inhabitants of the Cromwell District.

## R. BARLOW,

## PRACTICAL WATCHMAKER,

AND

MANUFACTURING JEWELLER,

CLYDE.

Has now on hand a choice and varied assortment of Gold and Silver WATCHES; English, French, and American CLOCKS; also, a very choice selection of English & Colonial JEWELLERY, consisting of

Gold Scarf Pins

Locketts

Chains

Brooches

Ear-rings

Guardes

Wedding, Signet, Gem, and Keeper Rings, Seals, Keys, and Chains in endless variety, of the newest designs.

ALSO,

Lately arrived, a very suitable and elegant assortment of FANCY GOODS, too numerous to particularize, very suitable for CHRISTMAS PRESENTS and NEW YEAR'S GIFTS.

Watches and Clocks carefully cleaned & repaired.

## PAPERHANGINGS,

A LARGE and elegant stock of PAPER-HANGINGS at

AUCKLAND'S

SUNDERLAND-STREET, CLYDE,  
and at WRIGHT'S, Cromwell.

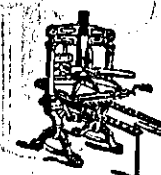
Five Thousand Pieces of Newest Patterns, at Prices to Suit the Million.

Flock and Gold Papers in Endless Variety.

Glass, Oils, Colours, Paints, and Varnishes

Reduced Prices.

Come and See. You're Bound to Buy.



## CROMWELL ARGUS

NEWSPAPER AND GENERAL

## Printing Establishment

MATTHEWS & FENWICK.

## Commercial &amp; General Printers

Beg to intimate to the public of Cromwell and the Northern Gold-Fields that they are prepared to execute, with punctuality and dispatch, orders for every description of

PLAIN AND ORNAMENTAL

## PRINTING

In the best style of the Art, and at very moderate prices.

## CARDS

All sizes and colours, in gold or silver bronze

## POSTERS

Of any size, in black or coloured inks.

## Handbills, how-cards, Circulars

LABELS, COUNTER-BILLS,

## Ball Tickets and Programmes,

BILL-HEADS,

## Auctioneers' and other Catalogues

PAMPHLETS,

## CHEQUE, RECEIPT, AND DELIVERY BOOKS

ETC. ETC. ETC.

## Matthews &amp; Fenwick,

PRACTICAL PRINTERS,

## ARGUS OFFICE

(Adjoining the Council Chamber),

CROMWELL.

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# The English Mail.

[From the Daily Times telegrams.]

BLUET, Feb. 24.

The s.s. Omoo, G. Calder, commander, with the New Zealand portion of the English mail, cleared Port Philip Heads at 8 p.m. on the 19th inst.

LONDON, Dec. 31.

Ottwell intends sending another load of emigrants to Canterbury in February.

Mr A. C. Rees, late of the Fire Brigade, Dunedin, is in London.

The Queen and Court spent Christmas at Osborne.

News from New York, dated December 20th, reports the loss of the Ruby, for New Zealand, in Esquimalt Harbour, during a gale in which she went ashore.

The Princess of Wales has recovered from her confinement. Her infant daughter has been christened Maud Charlotte Mary Victoria.

The Colonial question is still under discussion. Three Wednesday Conferences have been held in Cannon-street Hotel. On the 15th, a deputation, introduced by Viscount Bury, waited on Earl Granville. Mr Sewell and Sir George Grey were present. The deputation disavowed hostile intentions towards the Colonial Office in the circular issued last August. Messrs Sewell and others spoke at some length, urging a modification in the administration of colonial affairs. Earl Granville said he could not assume any blame for misconceiving the spirit of the circular, illustrated as it was by the tone of the recent meetings. He objected to a Conference for two reasons: it was not agreeable to the colonists themselves, and was not calculated to obtain the objects sought. He also disavowed remarks attributed to him respecting separation from New Zealand. He looked upon the question as a matrimonial squabble likely to be aggravated by interference. The deputation withdrew intensely dissatisfied.

It has been resolved to establish a National and Colonial Emigration League. A movement has also been initiated for amalgamating the different Metropolitan Emigration Societies. The aid of the Government is sought.

Mr Tallerman has had an interview with the Emperor Napoleon respecting the extension of the Australian meat dinners to France.

An Emigrant and Colonists' Aid Corporation, with a capital of £250,000, is announced.

Dr. Wilberforce has paid a visit to the Queen, who invested him with the Order of the Garter.

Parliament meets on the 8th of February.

Cabinet Councils are held frequently.

The Earl of Derby has visited Mr Disraeli at Highclere.

The Conservative leadership is still unsettled.

Mr Spurgeon has experienced a relapse. The Archbishop of Canterbury is convalescent.

There has been a series of destructive gales, with heavy rains, great floods, and high tides, followed by frost, snow, and severe Christmas weather.

The iron roof of King's College dining-room fell in; but happily the hall was unoccupied at the time. The fall was caused by the vibration of a tramway which was adjacent.

The engineer's report on the cracks in the granite columns of the Holborn viaduct states that no damage has arisen to the structure.

Mr Charles Mathews is taking a series of farewell benefits prior to leaving for Australia.

Judgment was given against the Rev. Mr Mackenzie for kneeling before the consecrated elements. He was condemned to costs.

Dr Shorthouse, editor and proprietor of the *Sporting Times*, was fined £50, and 3 months' imprisonment, for a libel imputing dishonourable conduct in scratching horses to Sir Joseph Hawley.

The *Times*, by suit in the Vice-Chancellor's Court, has compelled the *Clerkenwell News* to drop the words "London Times" from its title.

A Fenian attack was made upon Salford Militia Barracks to seize 800 stand of arms, but it was promptly frustrated.

The Welsh fasting girl died on the eighth day of a fortnight's watch, in the presence of four nurses from Guy's Hospital. Her parents refused the offer to give her food. A verdict of manslaughter was returned against the father.

The acquittal of the late directors of Overend, Gurney, and Co. was received with loud acclamations in Court. The verdict was approved of by the Judge, and the decision gave great relief to the City. The Judge refused costs to the prosecutor.

Earl Clarendon has sent the congratulations of the British Government to Monsieur Lesseps, who was so pleased that he communicated the letter to the Emperor Napoleon.

Last Monday evening 18 persons were rushed to death at the entrance of the Bristol theatre, owing to a panic.

Several attempted assassinations, accompanied by barbarous mutilation are reported.

At Dublin, several gunsmiths' shops have been entered and plundered by armed men. Two constables were shot in Limerick County.

A terrible storm occurred in Limerick, by which some old houses were blown down and many people killed.

The state of Ireland is less alarming than it was a month ago. A large reinforcement of troops, sent in movable columns, well organised, and the threatened suspension of the Habeas Corpus Act, paralysed the Fenians. Two priests have been suspended.

The dreaded anniversary of the defence of Derry passed without disturbance.

## Commercial.

The New Zealand flax market is quiet, but steady: quotations, £10 7s, showing a fall of £5 per ton. The decline is attributed to heavy arrivals and the fall in Manila hemp. The best flax is at £45 per ton.

Bankruptcies are extremely numerous. The Board of Trade returns for November are satisfactory.

Australian cotton brought from 10½d to 10½d.

## Continental.

### FRANCE.

The resignation of the Cabinet was announced on the 28th. Nearly all the elections have been declared valid.

The Parliamentary parties have fallen into hopeless confusion.

Owing to loudly-expressed dissatisfaction with the abuse of her influence, the Empress ceases to take any prominent part in politics.

Count Chambord issued a manifesto on the present state of France, in which he declared the hereditary monarchy only a harbor of refuge.

Traupman's trial caused great excitement. 15,000 applications were received from persons wishing to be present. He was pronounced guilty, and condemned to death.

### SPAIN.

Prim obstinately adheres to the candidature of the young Duke of Genoa.

A committee has been appointed to enquire, during the Christmas recess, into the disappearance of the Crown jewels.

### ITALY.

Considerable excitement has been produced by the dissolution of the Congress at Naples, held in opposition to the Ecumenical Council.

The Anti-Council meets next September. Forty lives were lost at Pisa by an inundation of the Arno.

Santa Maria has been entirely destroyed by an earthquake.

The Ecumenical Council was opened on the 8th, amidst the pealing of the bells from 360 churches. The Council was inaugurated by a discourse from the Archbishop of Iconium, a Benedictine. Four sittings were held with closed doors.

There are reports of dissension and intrigue amongst the Fathers, and strong opposition on the part of the French, German, and American bishops to the dogma of Papal infallibility. Subtle measures were taken by the Pope and his Jesuit advisers to stifle discussion by remitting obnoxious subjects to safe committees.

Another Cardinal is dead, and it is conjectured that Archbishop Manning will be the next Pope.

A Bull, communicated at the second meeting, occasioned surprise and indignation. If the infallibility project is persisted in, a great disruption is probable. The Council is expected to sit for six months.

## Special Telegrams.

LONDON, January 11.

Various emigration Societies are offering to co-operate with the National Emigration League.

A committee of colonists forward a temperate letter by this mail. Mr Beaumont's resolution was adopted at a subsequent meeting, and the National and Colonial League formed.

Professor Gamgee professes to have solved the question of the preservation of meat. Sample cases are forwarded by this mail.

The wool sales commence on February 10th. The stocks are small.

A man named George Dyer has surrendered himself on self-accusation of having murdered another man, named George Wilson, twelve years ago, at the diggings in Victoria. He has been remanded for further inquiry.

January 12th.

The last series of wool sales was concluded on the 8th December. They comprised 133,943 bales. An animated tone characterised the biddings for the better kinds; but the prices were unchanged.

Sir William Mansfield remains an extra year as Commander-in-Chief of the army in India. His successor, it is expected, will be Sir Hope Grant.

The entire capital for the Australasian Submarine Telegraph Company, to connect Singapore with Port Darwin, has been subscribed in London. The line is to be completed and ready for work in 1871.

There is an increase in the exports to New Zealand over last month of £45,283.

January 13th.

The constitution of the new Ministry has given great satisfaction in France.

## A Strange Story.

[From the Indian Daily News.]

The possible existence of another survivor of the Cawnpore massacre should be a matter of very great interest to us, and although there may be some difficulties in the way, we think the Government of India owes something to the memory of one of its old officers, and something to his representatives, if any of them exist. And that one does exist is affirmed in a manner that at least leaves a probability of the truth of the statement. We apprehend that the facts must be known to the Government, and it would be satisfactory to learn that something has been attempted, even if nothing has been done. The story has been detailed to us very circumstantially, with too much detail to leave it open to the supposition that it is all imagination. The story is in substance as follows:—

Brigadier Sir Hugh Wheeler, who was in command at Cawnpore at the time of the mutiny, had two grown-up daughters. These were both with him when he was besieged with the garrison at Cawnpore. On the arrangement of terms with Nana, the besieged were conducted by him to the river, under the pretence of assisting their escape by embarkation. What actually took place there is a matter of history. The men were butchered, and meanwhile the ladies were kept in confinement. After the mutineers had finished their work of blood at the ghaut, they fell upon the helpless women and children, whom they had reserved for a worse fate. It is needless to suggest how the ladies were treated ere they met a merciful deliverance by death. It is known that one of Wheeler's daughters bravely met her fate—preferring death to falling into the hands of the wretches about her. She flung herself into a well. The other was reported to be missing. Her remains were never found or heard of, and the impression was that she must have suffered the horrible mutilation and death which befel others at that miserable period. But it now appears that she survived, and is alive at the present time. She survived the massacre of Cawnpore, and has lived the twelve years succeeding it,—and for aught that appears to the contrary, may see another score of years. We have said that the Government knows of the case, and the following facts will show why we hold this opinion:—Mr C., an official of high position, while on a tour through his division, had occasion to camp near a village called S. While there, information reached him that the missing daughter of Sir Hugh Wheeler was in the keeping of a petty Rajah in the neighborhood, who came under the amnesty, and thereby deprived the gallows of a legitimate victim. Mr C. managed to send a verbal message to Miss Wheeler to the effect that if she wished it he would remove her from her present position, and restore her to her relatives and home. Miss Wheeler sent a written reply, in which she told Mr C. that she had been for nearly twelve years living with a native in the degrading position of an inmate of his harem, and that she had children by him, and could not muster the moral courage to face one of her own kind, let alone her relatives. She wished to be entirely forgotten, and to be permitted to remain unnoticed, or, if thought of at all, "to be remembered as one in the grave." Our informant adds—"I would certainly inform her relatives, with a view to some of them coming and inducing her to leave the harem, if for no other reason, at least for the welfare of her soul."

The above account will give rise to curious reflections. It is impossible to conceive that Mr C. should not have laid the facts before the Government; and it is equally impossible to suppose that the Government has taken no notice of his representations. It may not be an unnatural desire on the part of Miss Wheeler that she should not re-enter the society in which she was brought up after so many years of involuntary degradation. Her judgment is not altogether to be trusted. Removed as she was in her youth from her family and friends, and carried away to a life which her nature and training must render abhorrent to her feelings, ought she to be left, even if she seems to wish it, in this truly painful position. Her lapse from the refinement of European life to the degradation of the harem was not a voluntary one. It is not as if she was reaping the results of perversity or self-will. The degradation was involuntary on her part, and it is not surprising that she should decline to return to what may be termed her natural life. She feels degraded, and fears the height from which she was taken. She does not express satisfaction with her lot, even though she has new ties—and the strongest ones that a woman can feel. She "has not the moral courage to face one of her own kind." It is not the want of will—not that the hope does not exist, but that she cannot take the initiative. Torn from her friends under circumstances so terrible as those at Cawnpore, while yet young, and during twelve long weary years without the support or countenance of "one of her own kind," is it surprising that she could not meet one even as a friend? Should she, therefore, be left to drag out the remainder

of her weary life in degradation, because she has not the courage to seek the society to which she belongs? Unsustained by a friendly voice or the cheering smile of one of her own race through twelve long years—surrounded by influences calculated rather to repress than to develop the courage her condition needs—do we discharge our duty as a nation by listening to the weak suggestions of a woman to permit her to remain as one of the dead? Do we not owe at least one effort to restore the lost one to society—to give her a choice of once more enjoying the peace from which she was so rudely torn? It may be an easy matter to take refuge from duty in pretended deference to the wishes of Miss Wheeler herself. But should her judgment be implicitly trusted? Do we not owe something to our own views of the matter? And ought we not rather to take steps that are the most just and proper, irrespective of the consideration as to whether they may be the most convenient? We give publicity to this subject as it has been brought to our notice, in the full assurance that the press in India, or that of England, will not let the matter rest where it is.

## The Dead Sea of California.

Mark Twain, writing in the *Buffalo Express*, thus describes this singular lake:

Mono Lake, or the Dead Sea of California, is one of the most extraordinary curiosities, but being situated in a very out-of-the-way corner of the country, and away up among the eternal snows of the Sierras, it is little known and very seldom visited. A mining excitement carried me there once, and I spent several months in its vicinity. It lies in a lifeless, treeless, hideous desert, 8000 feet above the level of the sea, and is guarded by mountains 2000 feet higher, whose summits are hidden always in the clouds. This solemn, silent, sailless sea—this lonely tenant of the loneliest spot on earth—is little graced with the picturesque. It is an unpretending expanse of greyish water, about a hundred miles in circumference, with two islands in the centre, mere upheavals of rent and scorched and blistered lava, snowed over with grey banks and drifts of pumice-stone and ashes, the winding-sheet of the dead volcano, whose vast crater the lake has seized upon and occupied.

The lake is 200 feet deep, and its sluggish waters are so strong with alkali that if you only dip the most hopelessly soiled garment into them once or twice, and wring it out, it will be found as clean as if it had been through your ablest washer-woman's hands. While we camped there our laundry work was easy. We tied the week's washing astern of our boat, and sailed for a quarter of a mile, and the job was complete, all for wringing out. If we threw the water on our heads, and gave them a rub or so, the white lather would pile up three inches high. The water is not good for bruised places and abrasions of the skin. A white man cannot drink it, for it is nearly pure lye. It is said that the Indians in the vicinity drink it sometimes, though.

There are no fish in Mono Lake—no frogs, no snakes, no pollywogs—nothing, in fact, that goes to make life desirable. Millions of wild ducks and seagulls swim about the surface, but no living thing exists under the surface except a white feathery sort of a worm, half an inch long, which looks like a bit of white thread frayed out at the sides. If you dip up a gallon of water you will get about fifteen thousand of these. They give the water a sort of greyish-white appearance. Then there is a fly which looks something like our house fly. These settle on the beach to eat the worms that wash ashore—and any time you can see there a belt of flies an inch deep and six feet wide, and this belt extends clear around the lake—a belt of flies a hundred miles long.

Mono Lake is 150 miles in a straight line from the ocean, yet thousands of seagulls go there every season to lay their eggs and rear their young. And in this connection let us observe another instance of Nature's wisdom. The islands in the lake being merely huge masses of lava, coated over with ashes and pumice-stone, and utterly innocent of vegetation or anything that would burn, and seagulls' eggs being entirely useless to anybody unless they be cooked, Nature has provided an unfailing spring of boiling water on the largest island, and you can put your eggs in there, and in four minutes you can boil them as hard as any statement I have made during the past fifteen years. Within ten feet of the boiling spring is a spring of pure cold water, sweet and wholesome.

Half a dozen little mountain brooks flow into Mono Lake, but not a stream of any kind flows out of it. It neither rises nor falls apparently, and whatever it does with its surplus water is a dark and bloody mystery. All the rivers of Nevada sink into the earth mysteriously after they have run a hundred miles or so—none of them flow to the sea, as is the fashion of rivers in all other lands.

There are only two seasons in the region round about Mono Lake, and these are the breaking up of one winter and the beginning of the next. Under favourable circumstances it snows at least once in every single month in the year, in the little town of Mono.

## Australian News.

The Victoria Quartz Company, Tambora, N.S.W., obtained 9544 ounces last year, as against 5418 ounces for 1868.

An unfortunate young man named Corbett was killed a short time since through stepping into the drum of a thrashing machine at Redesdale, Victoria. His left leg was taken clean off at the middle of the thigh. Death from hemorrhage and shock to the nervous system was the result.

The *Gipps Land Mercury* reports the finding of an iguana's nest, containing no fewer than 104 eggs. There was a perfectly formed live iguana in each.

During last month, a horrible and fatal accident occurred at the Kneebone Company's mine, El Dorado, Victoria. One of the workmen, named Patrick Cormick, was in the act of getting into the cage to ascend the shaft, when the engine suddenly started, lifting the cage, which caught the wretched man's head against the cap-piece of the opening set of timber, and smashed it like an egg-shell.

The Melbourne *Herald* gives a deplorable account of the Chinese lepers at Ballarat, who, during the last seven months, have been gradually growing worse. The police and the Benevolent Society have made praiseworthy efforts to relieve these pariahs of society; but, with all the attempts made to alleviate their condition, little can be done to stave off the coming doom. The lepers themselves know this, and piteously they lie about, waiting their time of exit from life. The *Ballarat Star* states that it is almost impossible to imagine how six of them manage even to exist. They cannot stand upright, as their feet appear to be actually on the point of falling off. Their legs are wasted, their faces have lost all human shape, while in some cases the fingers have almost entirely disappeared. There are eight lepers at Clayton-hill, and five others in other parts of Ballarat. The public of Victoria cannot feel very comfortable with such a loathsome and contagious disease amongst them.

"An accident of the saddest nature occurred on Sunday evening," writes the *Argus* correspondent at Sandhurst. "Mr B. Fletcher's sister-in-law, a young girl, eleven years of age, named Agnes Bird, thoughtlessly poured upon the fire some kerosene from a tin, when the fire communicated with the tin and set the contents on fire, causing the unfortunate girl to be so severely burnt that she died on Monday morning. Mr and Mrs Fletcher were also burnt in endeavouring to save her."

A sad and fatal accident occurred near Liverpool, New South Wales, on January 17. A young girl, whose name is not known, went to the assistance of a boy named Muriel, who had gone beyond his depth while bathing, and was in danger of being drowned. In attempting to pull him out of the water, Muriel caught the girl in his arms and dragged her in, and before they could be extricated both were drowned.

Whether the weather in Ballarat has anything to do with it or not (remarks the *Ararat Advertiser*), we cannot tell, but certain it is that town is now turning out more lunatics than all the rest of the Colony. Within the last ten days, no fewer than fifteen persons suffering from insanity have been admitted into the Ararat lunatic asylum from Ballarat, a special coach having to be put on for their accommodation. Perhaps the real secret is that in the goldfields metropolis the late festive season has been kept in too jovial a manner, and it is just possible that the thirst produced by the hot weather was allayed by liquor of questionable quality. This, in a very large number of cases, will be found to be the real origin of temporary if not confirmed insanity.

Mr Charles Mathews will (says a contemporary), on the last day of January, 1870, leave London for Melbourne. The regret which the play-going public of this hemisphere will feel at parting with a comedian who has done so much to enrich their theatrical recollections, will be to some extent compensated by the pleasure they will derive from a knowledge of the enjoyment in store for the admirers of the dramatic art in the Australian colonies. Of the enthusiastic reception which Mr Charles Mathews will experience on his landing in Australia no doubt can be entertained. The most finished comedian of the English stage, who with the greatest buoyancy of spirit unites the utmost repose, and always gives the fullest assurance of the polished gentleman before the audience, carries along with him the highest recommendations. Mrs Charles Mathews, who will accompany her husband, and share his professional triumphs, has deservedly won good opinions as an actress of marked ability; and a brilliant career through the colonies would seem to be before them. Artist, actor, author, and musician, Mr Charles Mathews has more varied requirements than any performer who has visited the Australian shore.

A curious discovery of a box containing £900 in Sydney notes has been made in an old grave in the Alberton cemetery, Adelaide.

Northampton Downs Station, in the Mitchell District, Queensland, with 20,000 sheep and 8000 cattle, has been sold for £11,000.

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Names of Applicants—

STEWART RICHMOND.  
THEODORE RUSSELL.  
ROBERT ADAMSON.  
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GILBERT THOMSON.  
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Dated this 16th day of February, 1870.

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Thomas Screen, S.W. E. G. Barnes.  
James Stephens, J.W. D. Mackellar, C.S.

Mr E. G. BARNES has kindly consented to act as Master of the Ceremonies.

The Musical Department will be under the management of Messrs ROCK and MILBURN.

Tickets (to admit Lady and Gentleman), One Guinea each; may be obtained of the Stewards, and at the principal business places in the district.

## NOTICE.

POISON for DOGS has been laid on the  
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## FREE SOIREE.

THE FREE SOIREE, under the auspices of the Ladies of Cromwell, will take place in the SCHOOL-HOUSE, On WEDNESDAY, the 16th inst.

VINCENT PYKE, Esq., R.M., will take the Chair

Tea on the table at half-past Six o'clock.

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TO-MORROW,

THURSDAY, 3rd MARCH, 1870.

Marsh v. Turner.

I HEREBY GIVE NOTICE, that by virtue of a Distress Warrant, under the hand of Vincent Pyke, Esq., R.M., I will sell by public auction, at 12 o'clock noon, to-morrow, Thursday, at LOGANTOWN, the Right, Title, and Interest (if any) of the above-named defendant in the undermentioned property, unless plaintiff's claim and costs be sooner paid, viz:—

One Sixth Share in No. 3 East, Colclough's Reef.

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V.  R.

In the Warden's Court, Otago Gold Field, holden at Queenstown.

WILLIAM LOVELL DAVIS and JAMES DAVIS, Plaintiffs, versus MICHAEL CHAWCOUR, Defendant.

NOTICE is hereby given that in accordance with a Judgment in the above Court and an Order dated 18th February 1870, the undermentioned Partnership Property of parties to the above suit will be sold on SATURDAY, 12th MARCH 1870,

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N.B.—For fuller particulars apply to Mr W. L. DAVIS, Manager of the Works; or to Mr H. MANDERS, Mining Agent, Queenstown.

## COMMERCIAL.

ARGUS OFFICE,  
Tuesday afternoon.

Business during the week has maintained a fair average—a good demand existing for general goods.

Produce.—The price of oats has varied during the week from 4s 6d to 7s. A load from Wakatipu was disposed of at 6s per bushel; and we believe several hundred bushels of new oats changed hands at 4s 6d. The retail price may be quoted at 6s 6d for new oats, and 7s for old. These prices will, however, be greatly reduced in a week or two, when it is expected a full supply will be forwarded from the Wakatipu and our own immediate neighborhood.

Flour.—The agents of Messrs Robertson and Hallenstein inform us that the demand for flour has been good. They have forwarded several loads to all parts of the district. They also mention that the consumption of pollard and bran is on the increase.

Our quotations are as follows:—

Flour (Robertson & Hallenstein's).—£16 to £18 per ton.  
Pollard, do. do., £13 per ton.  
Bran, do. do., £9 per ton.  
Oats.—7s per bushel.  
Wheat.—7s 6d per bushel.  
Chaff.—£7 per ton.  
Hay.—£10  
Straw.—£7  
Potatoes.—£3  
Bread.—1s per 4lb loaf.  
Butter.—2s per lb.  
Cheese.—1s 6d  
Bacon.—1s 6d  
Ham.—1s 8d  
Eggs.—2s per dozen.  
Kerosene.—4s 9d per gallon.  
Candles.—1s 3d per lb.  
Mutton.—4d to 6d  
Beef.—7d and 8d  
Lignite, 35s. per ton.  
Firewood (scrub), £4 per load.

Cartage from Dunedin.—£7.

## THE

## Cromwell Argus.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2, 1870.

REPRESENTATION in parts of New Zealand seems to have been degraded into a mere burlesque of the great principles upon which it is based. The gold-fields constituencies of Otago have especially cause to feel that they have been most recklessly dealt with by the designing politicians who unfortunately represent them at present. The electors have been for the last two years treated with supreme indifference and contempt. They have been looked upon as mere nonentities—creatures without wishes, opinions, or ideas; their duty being simply to vote the lucky member into an arena in which pay, place, and power can be secured. For this, and this only, are they considered worthy of any thought or consideration. The duty of the gold-fields representatives to meet their constituents after each session, has been ignored by them; and yet all of the several members have tasted the sweets of office. Mr VOGEL has been most singularly fortunate; he has never been out of office, or off some commission or another. Thanks to his seat

in the Assembly—the gift of the mining community—he is entitled to be dubbed a colonial "Honorable," and has power and patronage at his control. Yet his advocacy of gold-fields interests has been of a most damaging kind. Once—two years ago—when the war reigned as to which power should manage the gold-fields, and the Tuapeka Court-house was besieged, he addressed the gold-fields residents of that centre upon the beneficent rule of the Otago Provincial Government; but in no other portion of the gold-fields has he shown up. Mr HAUGHTON has also been fortunate in obtaining power and emolument: Chairman of Committees, member of Royal Commissions, whip to the Stafford Ministry, &c., &c., he has also to be grateful to a conflicting constituency, which he has for the last two years never visited. Mr C. O'NEILL is a perfect gem of the rough diamond class. His first session was a very unfortunate one. He divided with the side that secured him at the happy moment, and voted without rhyme or reason; in the next one he was memorable for opposing, in conjunction with Mr HAUGHTON, the Divorce Bill. He has a knack of professing devotion to a constituency, which he is always promising to visit, and yet never has done so. He also has secured pay, and finally obtained the important position of engineer-in-chief to the Province of Auckland. His position is a good one socially too, for we notice that whether at levees, public entertainments, gubernatorial visits, or visits to the theatre, C. O'NEILL, Esq., C.E., of Auckland, always appears as one of the suite of his Excellency. Mr BRADSHAW has also tasted the honey, and had at one time the gold-fields at his command; and then J. B. B. was a very important personage, as certain events at the time showed. Mr MAIN—though not representing a gold-fields constituency—will no doubt in time have his share of the good things which his colleagues are now enjoying. He may, however, even now be one of the favoured solicitors whom the Pastoral Association delight to reward when they require their peculiar land measures, or any other enactments affecting their interests, carefully drawn out and carried through. All these gentlemen are, we believe, residents of the Auckland Province, and all personally interested in its welfare, and that of the gold-fields there. The *Southern Cross*, edited by Mr VOGEL, assigns as one of the chief reasons why the next Assembly should meet at Auckland, that it should have the opportunity of studying personally the aspect of affairs on the Thames—important measures in reference to that gold-field being promised. So it would appear that the Northern gold-fields are to be petted, and are to monopolise attention, if the editor of the *Southern Cross* speaks the mind of the Government. Under such a state of things, the electors have a right to complain of the way they have been treated, and we are glad to hear that four of these hon. members are likely to be called upon to resign the trust placed in their hands for the public weal, but sacrificed by them at the shrine of personal advantage and personal ease. No time should be lost in demanding their resignations, and electing men who will secure to Otago and her gold-fields that share of the revenue and that amount of attention which is equitably and justly her due. Unfortunately, the division amongst the Otago members has had the effect of lessening her influence in the Assembly. Not that we are the advocates of the selfish line of conduct that actuates the Auckland party, who seek only the aggrandisement of their own Province, heedless of the cost or the injury inflicted upon other portions of the Colony. Still, in the ensuing session very grave matters, affecting the interests of our gold-fields, were intended to be brought forward, and we suppose such is the intention yet. First and foremost is the water supply question, a select committee touching which is supposed to be now sitting. The defining of a policy which will do something to promote an efficient supply of water to our gold-fields is of paramount importance. If this session is held at Auckland, and the Thames gold-field is to claim leading attention, we shall probably go to the wall in this matter, for the members whose names we have mentioned are more largely interested in the progress of those gold-fields than in that of ours. Then there is the proposed amendment of the Gold-fields Act, repeal of the gold export duty, the encouragement of native industries, the repeal of the Hundreds Act, the local government or shire county measure, and other matters, that require special consideration, apart from an Auckland view of the matter. Other and larger subjects of colonial policy also require to be discussed. How can Messrs VOGEL and O'NEILL, who have not visited the gold-fields, be in accord with their constituents on many of these questions. On several of them they hold different opinions to the electors. Messrs BRADSHAW and HAUGHTON may have an opinion of their own that they are infallible, and know all about the people's wishes on these subjects. We deny this assumption if it exists, and say that such long intervals between the meeting of the represented and the representative are unsound and inimical in principle, especially when non-residence for years is added to the evil. The subject is one of such serious moment that we have felt impelled to deal with it at greater length than

is our usual custom. A great danger exists, and every effort must be used to remove it. We are not in so good a position on the gold-fields that we can longer afford to act so magnanimously to our representatives as we have done in the past. We must have more personal representation; we must have our true interests more zealously promoted. No one will pretend to say for one moment that such is the case as matters at present stand. We may describe the existence of many drawbacks, shortcomings on the part of our representatives. We do not grudge them their personal gains and prominent position, but we cannot afford to carry on this kind of thing any longer, when the gain is all on one side and the loss on the other. It is not the constituencies that are to blame: they have not withdrawn themselves from their members, but the members have deserted them. They must now be content to pay the penalties for so flagrantly abandoning their duties.

## LATEST FROM THE REEFS.

CRUSHING OF 5½ TONS OF THE ROYAL STANDARD CO.'S QUARTZ: YIELD, 42 OZS.

We informed our readers in a recent issue of this journal that the shareholders in the Royal Standard claim, Pipeclay Gully, Bannockburn, had dispatched a quantity of stone to the Cromwell Quartz Co.'s battery at Bendigo, for a trial crushing. The stone (amounting to 5½ tons) was put through the machine yesterday, and from information supplied to us by two of the Royal Standard shareholders last night, we are enabled to inform our readers that the splendid return of 42ozs. of gold, or nearly 8ozs. to the ton, was the result of the crushing. We may state that the stone was not picked, but taken promiscuously from the claim, in order that a fair idea as to the general yield to be expected from it might be obtained.

The s.s. Omeo, with the New Zealand portion of the English mails on board, arrived at the Bluff on the 24th ult. We give a summary of the news in our third page.

We need hardly remind our readers of the anniversary ball and supper of Court Star of Cromwell, A.O.F., which takes place on Friday evening, in the large hall adjoining the Cromwell Hotel. Messrs Rock and Milburn, of Clyde, are the musicians, and Mr E. G. Barnes has, with his usual courtesy, consented to act as M.C. on the occasion. A better room than Mr Kidd's large hall could hardly be found in the Province, and we have no doubt the Foresters' Ball of 1870 will be in every respect as successful as those which have preceded it.

Mr J. Thompson, bailiff of the R.M.'s Court, announces by advertisement in another column that he will sell by public auction at Logantown, to-morrow, by virtue of distress warrant, shares in No. 2 east, Aurora line, and No. 3 east, Colclough's line of reef.

Rains in the Lake district have made the rivers high, and the Shotover remains in a dangerous state.

At a meeting of the Waste Land Board held in Dunedin on the 23rd ult., the upset price of sections in the township of Bendigo was fixed at £2.

Our townspeople were promised a treat on Monday evening last in the shape of a performance by Bird, Blow, and Wills' Circus Company. The large tent of the company had been erected in close proximity to the Police Camp buildings, and a very fair attendance had assembled, when unfortunately the canvas structure was completely blown down by the strong wind which was blowing at the time, and the performance had, in consequence, to be postponed till last night. During yesterday the tent was erected on the sheltered ground at the back of Mr W. Shanly's store, to prevent a similar accident occurring. There was a very good attendance at the performance in the evening, and the entertainment was immensely enjoyed by all those who had the good fortune to be present.

Our Queenstown neighbours are again fortunate. Mr Simpson, district engineer, has received orders to expend £550 upon Moke Creek track, and £250 more upon the Glenorchy road. We wish we could get a little of the activity that guides the Lake community into our midst, and then we should soon have a Court-house, a Post-office, proper water works, and a few other things we urgently require.

The late Mr Weaver's funeral at the Lakes was a very imposing one, and his remains were followed to the grave by representatives from all parts of the district. The Masonic body paid due honours to their late Worshipful P.M.

## THE ESCORT.

The following are the quantities of gold taken down to Dunedin by the last fortnightly Escort. Mount Ida, notwithstanding the strike, heads the list with 806ozs.; and Cromwell, as stated in our last issue, sends down 525ozs:—

	ozs.	dwt.
Mount Ida	806	0
Switzers	654	0
Blacks	604	0
Tuapeka	643	14
Cromwell	525	0
Waipori	277	0
Teviot	270	15
Waitahuna	153	0
Palmerston	135	0
Manuhirika	117	16
Woolshed	86	11
St. Bathans	64	17
Total	4342	13



# DUNSTAN ANNUAL RACES.

Of all the up-country sporting meetings annually held in the Province, the Dunstan Jockey Club Races occupy, by common consent, the foremost place as regards attractions offered for securing a large concourse of spectators, and for several seasons. On the Dunstan Course the most valuable stakes are competed for and on it is the battle-field whereon the representatives of the genus "thoroughbred," and the greatest number of them, are annually mustered to test their speed and mettle, to win or lose money for their owners and backers, and to run the gauntlet of the most critical assemblage (in a horse-racing point of view) that is to be encountered outside the precincts of the Otago metropolis. The *auri sacra fames* nowhere more loudly or more openly proclaimed than where the bookmakers—those condors of the turf—"most do congregate," and if the Dunstan race meeting of 1870 in any respect fell short of those of former years, it was surely not from any diminution in the ranks of the army of blatant bettors that annually favour the district with their presence. The weather was favourable throughout the meeting, the only drawback in that respect being the discomfort arising from the clouds of dust which occasionally hid from view the horses and their riders. There was a very numerous turn-out of vehicles of every description, many of which were from distant places. Cromwell was fairly represented, but from the Bannockburn and Kawarau Gorge there were not many who attended the races. On Wednesday night and Thursday morning the usually quiet town of Clyde was thronged with visitors from various parts of the Province, and so great was the crush that many were unable to find accommodation at the hotels, and were glad to avail themselves of the hospitality offered them by the owners of private houses.

About 12 o'clock on Thursday a general start was made for the race-course, situated about three miles from Clyde. The four-horse coach belonging to Messrs J. Chaplin & Co.; the large van of Messrs Bird, Blow, and Wills' Circus Company, with its band of musicians; Mr Smitham's coach from Cromwell; together with numerous other carriages and public conveyances—which were freighted with passengers—made up a scene which is seldom witnessed at the Dunstan. The course itself is not surpassed by any other in the Province; it is sufficiently level to afford a good view of all the races, from start to finish, from almost any position on the ground. Notwithstanding this fact, the grand stand was fully occupied, and indeed during the principal races it was crowded. The arrangements made by the Stewards were complete and satisfactory, and there was no confusion.

The District Handicap and the Town Plate, which were run on Thursday, were carried off by the Canterbury horses Wild Boy and Foretop. Wild Boy also won the Jockey Club Handicap and the Free Handicap on the following day. The first named horse ran a dead heat with Miss at in the Canterbury Grand Stand Handicap on the 19th of January, and won the Consolation Stakes the following day. At the same meeting, Foretop took second honours in the Maiden Plate and Metropolitan Handicap, and ran third in the Jockey Club Handicap. At the Tanapoka races on the 10th and 11th ult., Foretop won the District Handicap and Town Plate, beating Lady Ellen in the former, and Water Witch and Excelsior in the latter. The Cromwell favourite, Excelsior, added nothing to the reputation gained by him here and at Mount Ida. He was beaten by Foretop and Atalanta (both from Canterbury) in the Town Plate on the first day, and Musician in the Ladies' Purse on Friday. Cromwell, although he carried the lightest weight (6st. 12lb.) only gained second place in the District Handicap—a two-mile race. Mr Cowan's Poison (from Kawarau Station) carried the honours in the hurdle-racing, beating Don Pedro, the Canterbury crack, on Thursday, and Grey Friar and some others of lesser note on the second day.

**THURSDAY, FEB. 24.**  
**MAIDEN PLATE** of 50 sovs. Weight for age. One mile and a half. Nine entries.  
Cox's b m Miss Ennis, 5 years, 9st 10lb (Mackay) 1  
Devine's b g Sir Charles, 5 years, 9st 10lb (Footie) 2  
Glasford's b g Dick, 4 years, 9st 5lb (Book) 3  
Knaudsen's b g Garnet, aged, 10st 1lb (Goodman) 4  
Harkaway, Gamecock, Brunette, Exile, and Penian also started. Harkaway and Sir Charles bowed in front for about three-quarters of a mile, when Miss Ennis came up and passed them, winning easily by at least three lengths. Time, 3 minutes. Gamecock bolted. The other horses were seven or eight lengths behind at the finish.

**DISTRICT HANDICAP** of 75 sovs., with a sweepstake of two sovs. each, to go to the second horse. Distance, two miles.  
Delamaine's b g Wild Boy, 5 years, 8st 4lb (Richards) 1  
Dawkins' g m Nelly Grey, 4 years, 8st (Gray) 2  
Smitham's b g Cromwell, 5 years, 6st 12lb (Scott) 3  
Devine's b h Captain Scott, 5 years 8st 5lb (Gibson) 0  
Harrison's bl g Maori Chief, 4 years (Holt) 0  
M'Morran's c g Spec, four years, 7st (Edwards) 0  
Mellor's b g Merrythought, 4 yrs, 7st 5lb 0

Atalanta was scratched. Captain Scott took the lead, but was quickly overhauled by Cromwell and Nelly Grey—the former leading till within half-a-mile of the Grand Stand. Wild Boy then came up, and there was a good race between him and the two Cromwell entries, who appeared to be on very friendly terms with each other. Beth, however, had made the best of their time in the first mile and a half, and after a short struggle Wild Boy shot ahead and won by a length; Nelly Grey second, and Cromwell a length behind Nelly. Time, four minutes.

**HANDICAP HURDLE RACE** of 75 sovs. Distance, two miles and a half, over eight flights of hurdles.  
Mr Cowan's c g Poison, aged, 9st 7lb (Gray) 1  
Reay's g g Don Pedro, aged, 10st (Reay) 2  
Mellor's b g Harkaway, 5 years, 8st (Book) 0  
(Sir Charles was scratched.) Harkaway got away with a slight lead, but blundered at the first hurdle, and came down, unseating his rider. Book, however, was not hurt, and as soon as the horse was caught he mounted again, although by that time his chance of winning was very small. Poison and Don Pedro got clear over the fallen hurdle, and went away at a tremendous pace—Poison maintaining a slight lead all the way, and both horses clearing all the remaining hurdles in splendid style. Reay made a great effort to pass his opponent, but the 7lbs more weight carried by the Don told against him, and Poison never let him come up. As the two horses approached the last hurdle, there was a judicious slackening of speed, and the fence was cleared by both in good order. No sooner, however, was Poison over, than Gray let him out, and he won by twenty or thirty yards. Harkaway took all the jumps after the first one in excellent style, but was too late to do any good. This was the fastest hurdle race that we have seen for some time.

**TOWN PLATE**, of 150 sovs. Second horse to receive £25 out of the stakes. Weight for age. Two miles and a half.  
Mr Reay's c h Foretop, four years, 9st 3lb (Reay) 1  
Delamaine's c m Atalanta, aged, 10st 1lb (Thape) 2  
Jolly's c g Excelsior, aged, 10st 1lb (Swan) 3  
Grant's b h Waitaki, three years, 7st (Edwards) 0  
Keenan's c h Gamecock, three years, 7st (Donaldson) 0  
(Gamecock carried 4lbs overweight.)  
Foretop had the lead at starting, but allowed Atalanta to make the running for a mile and three-quarters. Excelsior lying third, several lengths behind. Foretop was then called upon, and after a splendid struggle in the last half-mile, regained his position in front, and kept it to the finish—winning by a length. Time, 5 min. 58 sec. Excelsior came up very gamely at the end, and finished a good third. Waitaki and Gamecock were never seen after the start.

**HACK SELLING RACE**, of 20 sovs. Mile heats. No weight under 10st.  
For this race there were nine entries. The first heat was won by Doodlemuck; the second by Banshee; and the third and final heats by Dick, who was consequently declared the winner.

**SECOND DAY—FRIDAY, FEB. 25.**  
As on the preceding day, the weather on Friday was splendid. The morning broke bright and clear, and with scarce a cloud in the sky. Towards the middle of the day, however, the sun's rays were intensely hot, and not a breath of wind cooled the heated atmosphere. By ten or eleven o'clock all the Cromwell visitors who intended reaching Clyde in time for the first event were on the road, and the drive down was enjoyed by a goodly number of those who had not been at the races on the preceding day—the only drawback to the pleasure of the trip being the thick coating of dust with which all were gradually covered. Black coats were by this means speedily turned into white ones, and it seemed as if the old days of powdered hair were come again, judging from a cursory glance at the heads of dusty travellers. The attendance on the course was numerically much about the same as on the preceding day, and the grand stand was closely packed while the various events were being contested. *En passant*, we may mention that the indefatigable secretary (Mr R. Barlow), in conjunction with the stewards, who were unremitting in their exertions to admit of everything passing off satisfactorily, deserves every praise for the energy and activity displayed by him in the performance of his multifarious duties. The first event on the programme was the

**HURDLE SELLING RACE**, of 30 sovs. Entrance one sov. Distance, one mile and a half; over five flights of hurdles. Weight for age. Winner to be sold for £50.  
Mr Cowan's c g Poison, aged, 9st 8lb ..... 1  
Glasford's g g Grey Friar, aged, 8st 1lb ..... 2  
Delamaine's b g Patch, aged, 10st 1lb ..... 3  
Mellor's b g Harkaway, 5 years, 8st 10lb ..... 0  
Cox's b g Armagale, 6 years, 10st 1lb ..... 0  
Barnard's g g Don Pedro, aged, 10st 8lb ..... 0  
Grant's b g Comet, aged, 9st 8lb ..... 0  
Samson's bl g Dr Black, aged, 8st 1lb ..... 0  
This was an easy victory for the veteran Poison, who ran in his usual game manner, jumping the whole of the hurdles, under the skilful jockeyship of Gray, in splendid style. Comet and Armagale ran off the course at the second hurdle, and had no chance in the race. Throughout the running, the winning horses kept the positions in which they were placed at the finish, Poison winning in a canter, hard held. Patch a bad third.  
**DUNSTAN JOCKEY CLUB HANDICAP**, of 125 sovs., with a sweepstake of 5 sovs. each; the second horse to receive amount accruing from sweepstakes. Distance, two miles and a quarter.  
Mr Delamaine's b g Wild Boy, 5 yrs, 7st 5lb ..... 1  
Hazlett's c m Novice, 4 years, 7st 5lb ..... 2  
Barnard's c h Foretop, 4 years, 8st 8lb ..... 3  
Delamaine's c m Atalanta, aged, 8st 2lb ..... 0  
Smitham's b h Cromwell, 5 years, 7st ..... 0  
Keenan's c m Topsy, 5 years, 7st 4lb ..... 0  
M'Kay's g m Shepherdess, 6 years, 6st ..... 0  
Grant's b h Waitaki, 3 years, 6st 7lb ..... 0

Mr Delamaine declared to win with Atalanta. Wild Boy and Shepherdess took the lead, the remainder following in pretty close order, with the exception of Waitaki, who bolted. Topsy had some friends, but she had no show whatever in the race. Mr Delamaine's choice for first honours also lacked the physical power requisite for a place in the race, and Wild Boy was called upon to make the pace. He won a splendid race, Novice also running gamely, and coming in a good second. Time, 4 min. 21 sec.

**FREE HANDICAP**, of 20 sovs.; added to a sweepstake of £1 1s. Distance, one mile.  
Mr Delamaine's b g Wild Boy, 10st ..... 1  
Glasford's b g Dick, 7st ..... 2  
Cowan's c g Poison, 8st 5lb ..... 3  
Cox's b m Miss Ennis, 8st 10lb ..... 0  
Goodman's bl m Little Nell, 9st ..... 0  
Grant's b h Waitaki, 7st ..... 0  
Harrison's bl h Maori Chief, 6st ..... 0  
The owner of Waitaki declared to carry over-weight. Dick made the running from the beginning, and forced the pace the whole of the distance. On coming into the straight running, Wild Boy collared Dick, and led by about half a length at a terrific pace. Dick failed to make up the lost distance, leaving first place to Wild Boy. A protest was entered by Dick's owner for alleged jostling; but after a lengthy examination of witnesses for both parties, a decision was given in favour of the winning horse. Time, 1 min. 54 sec.

**LADIES' PURSE**, of 30 sovs. Dunstan Jockey Club welter weights for age. Gentleman riders. Mile and a half. Entrance £3 3s.  
Mr Hazlett's g g Musician, aged, 12st ..... 1  
Jolly's c g Excelsior, aged, 12st ..... 2  
Wild Boy was scratched. Considerable interest was centred in this race, both horses having their backers. Musician looked in splendid form, and, as the result proved, fully deserved the encomiums passed on him prior to the start. Although Excelsior ran gamely, he had more than his match in Musician, who took first place in an easily won race. Time 3 min. 4 sec.

**CONSOLATION HANDICAP**, of 30 sovs., for all beaten horses. Distance, one mile and a half. Post entry, £1 10s.  
Mr Dawkins' g m Nelly Grey, 8st 3lb ..... 1  
Goodman's bl m Little Nell, 8st 1lb ..... 2  
Delamaine's c m Atalanta, 9st 5lb ..... 3  
M'Kay's g m Shepherdess, 7st 5lb ..... 0  
Knaudsen's b g Garnet, 6st 12lb ..... 0  
Grant's b g Comet, 6st 12lb ..... 0  
This was one of the best races of the meeting, the race home being a splendid exhibition of the good jockeyship of Gray, on his equine namesake. After a severe finish, Nelly was landed a winner by about a head, Little Nell second, and Atalanta a bad third.

**THIRD DAY—SATURDAY, FEB. 26.**  
At the conclusion of the racing on Friday it was arranged among the principal owners of horses, and others who had attended the meeting, that a third day's racing should be got up for the following day, Saturday. It being almost dark on Friday evening when the Consolation Stakes were run for, it was also decided to postpone the Hospital Race, for which a considerable sum of money had been raised, till Saturday. Several events having been arranged for, a good number of spectators were on the course by the usual hour, and the races unmentioned were contested:—

**HANDICAP HURDLE RACE** of 25 sovs. Distance, mile and a half. Over five flights of hurdles. Entrance, 1 sov.; acceptance, 1 sov. Second horse to receive amount of acceptance.  
Mr M'Morran's Dr Black, 10st ..... 1  
Fraser's Te Kooti, 9st ..... 2  
Glasford's Gray Friar, 9st ..... 3  
Billy, Swell, and Tornado also ran. Don Pedro was scratched. Gray Friar was the favourite, Te Kooti also having his backers. The race was an excellent one. All the horses took the first hurdle in first-rate style, Gray Friar leading. It was soon apparent that Dr Black, who had taken first place, would win the race, although at every hurdle Gray Friar and Te Kooti made efforts to join him. The Doctor was never caught, and won a very good race.

**HANDICAP RACE** of 25 sovs. Open to all horses. Mile and a half. Nominations, £1; acceptance, £1. Amount of acceptance to go to second horse.  
Mr Hazlett's g g Musician, 8st 10lb ..... 1  
M'Morran's Roderick, 6st 10lb ..... 2  
Samson's Young Alma, 6st 10lb ..... 3  
Little Nell, Miss Ennis, Cromwell, and Golden Cloud also ran. Splendid race home for second place between Roderick and Young Alma. Musician was not called upon once during the race.

**SELLING RACE**, of 20 sovs. Open to all horses. Winner to be sold for £15; surplus (if any) to go to the race funds. No weight under 9st. Distance, one mile. Entry, £1.  
Mr M'Elligott's Banshee ..... 1  
M'Kay's Shepherdess ..... 2  
Doodlem Buck, Wallaby, Donald, and Welcome also ran. It was considered that nothing could touch Doodlem Buck in the race. Banshee however, won easily, and was afterwards sold for £23.  
**HOSPITAL RACE**, for £23 8s 6d, collected on the course.  
Six horses started, Young Alma being the winner. His jockey was presented with a riding whip, which for the purpose by Mr M'Keown.

The election at Waikouaiti has resulted in the defeat of our townsman, Mr Ure, Mr Mitchell having been returned by a large majority.—*Dunedin Letter.*  
**Holloway's Pills**.—An Effective Remedy for Debilitated Constitutions. Disordered Liver, Bile, and Intestines.—Mr Robert Handley, engineer, of Old Market-street, Bristol, in a letter to Professor Holloway, dated April 23, 1854, states that he was afflicted for nearly seven years with violent attacks of indigestion, attended with pains in the side and disease of the liver, arising from a debilitated constitution, brought on by exposure to wet and cold weather. Every remedy had failed to give him any relief until he commenced using Holloway's Pills; but in two months they effected a change in his whole system, and finally restored him to perfect health.

# MUNICIPAL COUNCIL.

The first meeting of the new Council was held in the Chamber on Monday evening, at 7 o'clock. Present—The Mayor (Mr G. W. Goodger), and Councillors Burrows, Kelly, Dagg, and Whetter. Minutes of a meeting held on the 14th inst., and of proceedings at the election on the 22nd, were read.  
Cr. KELLY said that before any other business was taken up, he would move, *pro forma*, the motion of which he had given notice a fortnight previously, viz:—"That all acts done since the 2nd of August 1869, by those persons calling themselves Mayor and Council of Cromwell, be declared null and void, and that the minutes of all proceedings by the assumed Council be expunged from the minute-book."  
Cr. WHETTER pointed out that the confirmation of the minutes just read must take precedence of all other business.  
The minutes as read were then submitted and approved.

The Mayor apprehended that such a motion as that brought forward by Cr. Kelly was quite unnecessary. If all the proceedings of the late Council were not null and void, then he (the Mayor) could not occupy his present position. He would, however, be glad to hear the other members' views on the question.

Cr. BURROWS rose to a point of order. The Standing Orders provided that the consideration of correspondence should constitute the business next after the confirming of the minutes.  
This was admitted, and the following correspondence was then read by the Town Clerk:—

"Council Chamber,  
"Cromwell, 19th Feb. 1870.  
"SIR,—I do myself the honor to address you on the subject of subsidy due to this Corporation for the past half-year—ending 31st July, 1869. Owing to my having been deposed by Mr Whetter and his party, who assumed office in August last, I was not aware, until this moment, that the Government had declined to pay over the subsidy due to the Council on the amount of rates collected (£ for £) up to the above date—viz., £86 5s 4d, which they are entitled to, the empowering act saying that they are entitled to receive £ for £ for the three years following the expiration of the first two years of the Municipality's existence. I thought that matter was set at rest when I explained to the then Provincial Treasurer that this Corporation had complied with the conditions of the Amendment Act passed by the Provincial Council in 1866, and made law by His Excellency the Governor's agent (21st March, 1867) six weeks after this Corporation had struck their rate. They had overlooked, and they said, in answer to my letter pointing it out to them, that they had made a mistake, and upon re-consideration they would forward the amount, and they did so.  
"I trust there will be no further delay in the money being forwarded (£86 5s 4d), as it is much required by the Council.—I have, &c.,  
"Geo. JENOUR, Town Clerk.  
"To the Provincial Treasurer, Dunedin."

Letter from M. Connellan and party, informing the Council that unless the sum of £43 15s., due on account of rent for water-race, be paid within one month from 26th February, legal proceedings would be taken to recover the same.

From Dr Coree, applying for a lease of ground on the south side of Melrose-street.  
From Messrs Taylor and Marsh, intimating their compliance with the Council's request that they should act conjointly as assessors.

In regard to Dr Coree's application, the Mayor said it would be for the Council to deal with the question of the buildings already erected, but he would not like to see more buildings put up on that side of the street. He would suggest that the land should first be obtained from the Government, and the Council could then make what use of the land they considered best.  
Cr. WHETTER moved that consideration of Dr Coree's letter should stand over till next meeting.—Seconded by Cr. BURROWS, and agreed to.  
In reference to the next item of correspondence, Cr. KELLY moved that Messrs Marsh and Taylor be requested to proceed at once with the valuation of town property, and to report to the Council as early as possible.—Agreed to.

Messrs Connellan and party's letter was ordered to lie on the table till next meeting.  
Cr. KELLY then introduced the motion brought forward by him at the commencement of the meeting. He said that all the acts done by the "assumed" Council were either legal or illegal, and before anything further was done by the present Council, it was necessary that all records of the proceedings of the usurpers and impostors should be blotted out.

Cr. WHETTER wished to know how the thirty-third clause of the Municipal Corporations Ordinance was to be got over? With the permission of the Council, he would read the clause:—  
"No person shall act as mayor, councillor, or auditor, without making the declaration hereinbefore required in that behalf, or without being duly qualified at the time of making such declaration, or after he shall cease to be qualified according to the provisions of the Ordinance to any such office: Provided that all acts and proceedings of such person so acting as mayor, councillor, or auditor, shall, notwithstanding such disqualification, be as valid and effectual as if such person had been duly qualified."

Whatever view might be taken with respect to the right of the other members of the late Council to hold office, it certainly could not be denied that Messrs Burrows and Dagg were duly and legally elected; and on that ground, if upon no other, he maintained that the acts of the late Council should be held to be valid.

Cr. KELLY: Why, in the name of wonder, did you descend from the proud position of mayor to that of councillor, except you were disqualified by law?

Cr. WHETTER: Can you explain this clause?  
Cr. KELLY: I have a better head to argue the question than you have, or any other man in your boots.

Cr. WHETTER: If I was not mayor, why was I allowed to hold office? why did Mr Goodger allow me to sit? You know very well that the question is not settled; I have succumbed only on account of the expense of defending the case. However, as your motion has not been seconded, it must fall through.

Cr. KELLY: I have no motion to bring before the Council: let the question be decided by law.  
Cr. BURROWS said he had hoped that all past grievances would be laid aside, and that the councillors would endeavour to work together for the interests of the town; but he regretted

to say that they appeared to be as far from harmonising as ever they had been. He would like to know how it was proposed to recover any funds disbursed by the "assumed" Council, or who would be held liable for the repayment of them, if the proceedings of that body were declared illegal? Unless some degree of harmony were restored in the Council, they might as well not meet at all. He therefore begged to move:—"That the minutes of all meetings held by the Council (assumed or otherwise) from the 1st August up to the present time, (the same being duly recorded), be not expunged, but that they remain as they are; and that this Council are fully satisfied with those minutes."

The Mayor said he had from the first declared the acts of the late Council to be illegal, and he was still of the same mind on the subject.  
Cr. Dagg seconded the motion. The voice of the people was with the "assumed" Council, as it was called; and it would be no benefit to the town to cancel the past proceedings of that body.

At the request of Cr. KELLY,  
The Mayor again stated that he could not hold office unless the minutes of the late Council were expunged.

Cr. BURROWS would still press his motion.  
Cr. KELLY accused Cr. Whetter of having, in his capacity as chief of the "pseudo Council," "abstained" Corporation funds from the Bank, and of having committed other irregularities.

Cr. WHETTER, in reply, said that if such had been the true state of the case, it was not at all likely that the ratepayers would have re-elected Councillor Dagg and himself to the Council. It was rather strange that the ratepayers had not considered it necessary to hold a public meeting and denounce the late Council as "impostors and usurpers."

The Mayor said he must decline to put the motion: it would be illegal.  
Cr. BURROWS said that without the concurrence of the Council the Mayor could do nothing; and if he refused to put the motion, it was useless for the Council to meet.

The Mayor did not see any other way of getting over the difficulty except by calling a meeting of the ratepayers to decide whether or not the moneys disbursed by the late Council were or were not legally expended. He would adjourn the Council and consider the matter, and would then convene a special meeting.  
The Council then adjourned for a fortnight.

# DUNEDIN.

(From our own Correspondent.)

Saturday, Feb. 26, 1870.

The past week in Dunedin has been barren of events. I seldom remember having seen so little stir; and, I suppose, owing to the harvesting operations not being yet completed, the noble army of loafers seems at present very thin in numbers. In passing through the town, one again sees a fair sprinkling of clerical gentlemen, in consequence of the present session of the Church of England Synod. The "Bishop Jenner question" has not yet been revived, and I presume they are at last going to let him sink into oblivion.

On Monday, the Charles Edward sailed for Martin's Bay, carrying, however, only two passengers, it being stated after her sailing that the Government did not see their way to promote immediate settlement. I suspect, however, that it was found a difficult matter to inspire intending settlers with the requisite amount of enthusiasm.

At the flax sales on Monday there was a decided decline in prices; indeed, unscratched flax found no market at all, Mr Hepburn declining to sell at the prices offered. The best sample only induced a bid of £16 10s. In order to insure a good sale for this commodity it is necessary for it to be got up in first-class style. The Dunedin market is of course very limited, the supply is fast increasing, and none but good samples will realise good prices. With regard to the cultivation of flax, I was recently informed by a gentleman from Auckland that last year he transplanted a root into maiden soil which had been broken up and mixed with bone dust and horse manure; now the plant is 16 feet high, and the blades are five inches broad. Considerable interest is now felt concerning the culture of this plant, and it will be a subject for careful investigation and experiment what soil, situation, and climate are best adapted for its growth.

The other night the bell at the so-called new post-office was tested for the purpose of a fire-alarm. The result of the trial was satisfactory; and if the bell was placed in a more advantageous position, I think it would answer admirably. Some improvement on the existing arrangement is sadly needed. A few nights since, a small fire broke out in George-street, and the present alarm-bell was rung with so much effect that not one of the usually energetic Fire Brigade turned out. The spirit, truly, was there, but the tones of the present cracked tocsin were weak.

I believe the post-office is soon to be removed to the ground floor of the Government offices. The internal fittings are now rapidly approaching completion. The offices are admirably adapted for the purpose, being both roomy and commodious. What is to be done with the old building will be a question for serious consideration. Perhaps some enterprising firewood merchant might go in for it: I should think it would burn splendidly. As for the rats, oh! ye terriers of Dunedin, prepare ye for sport when that scately edifice is removed!

I observe by a telegram published in the last Government Gazette, that Mr Proudfoot is supported in his Port Chalmers Railway contract by Mr Caplin, the cash proprietor. The gauge of the proposed line is stipulated to be 4ft. 8½in. No gradient steeper than 1 in 60 is to be allowed, and no curve sharper than 10 chains radius. The contractors are likewise bound by this agreement to start operations in six weeks from the 25th January—the day on which the deed was signed.

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## My First Fox Hunt.

(BY AN OLD SPORTSMAN.)

I am an oldish fellow now, at least what young people call old, although I am not quite three score years of age; yet I have an excellent memory, and can recall without difficulty the events that occurred when I was a boy. In my library there is an old-looking piece of furry stuff that has been carefully mounted and preserved, which an old English sportsman would at once recognise as the "brush." Now, about this brush I have something to say. It is a trophy from my young days; and thus, as sportsmen make a brush out of a tail, I will make a tale out of the brush.

It was when I was about nineteen years of age that I was asked to spend my Christmas vacation with an uncle who lived in Surrey. This was a great treat, for my uncle Edward was very rich, much more so than my own father. He was fond of hunting and shooting, and liked people to share his sport with him. He kept several capital horses, had extensive grounds, and a stream of water running near his house. I was considered by my brothers very lucky when I was asked to uncle Edward's, for he seldom invited his nephews, because my father was not very good friends with him.

I reached Netstone Hall, as his house was called, just as it was getting dusk, and was welcomed by my uncle, who met me. He showed me the drawing-room, and then pointed the way to my own room. I knew that he was very fond of what my father called "state," and used, if alone, always to dine in silk stockings, silver buckles, and frilled shirts; so I took more than ordinary care with my toilet, and made my way up to the drawing-room.

Uncle Edward was a widower, who had only one son alive. This son, George, was not a favourite with any one of us, for he was what we call a "stuck-up fellow," and very purse-proud. He was two years older than I was, and so treated me like a boy. He had been at our house two or three times, but we didn't get on well at all.

He was at home, I knew, and this was one reason why I had been asked, as he was an Oxford man, and now spending his vacation at home.

I entered the drawing-room, expecting to find my uncle or cousin there, but was rather surprised to find only a young lady somewhat about my own age.

She was standing beside the piano turning over a bundle of music, and did not see me when I first entered: I thus had time to observe her without interruption. I must own that at the period to which I refer, I was ready and willing to admire any young lady who was not decidedly ugly or disagreeable; and thus, when at a glance I saw a rather tall, elegant, handsome girl, I was half in love in half a minute, and wholly in love in a whole minute.

As I walked across towards the fireplace, that natural rendezvous in a room, the lady turned her head, and seeing me, looked earnestly for an instant, whilst I bowed and felt rather foolish; for I scarcely knew whether to speak or remain silent, as I had not been introduced, and at nineteen we are all at times a little awkward in ladies' society. She, however, quickly set me at ease, for with a smile she came forward and held out her hand, saying, "You must be Harry, I suppose, for no other stranger is expected."

I need not repeat all the conversation that followed, nor how I discovered that the young lady was Katie Beaton, the only daughter of a neighbour who lived at the Manor-house, how she did not like my cousin much, but "doated" on riding, and how she had many other tastes much more common amongst young ladies in the country thirty years ago, than they are at the present time.

During the ten minutes that we were together Katie and I became excellent friends, and when my uncle came in, followed by Mr Beaton, we needed no introduction. Soon afterwards, George came in with Mrs Beaton and three or four more visitors, who had come to spend a few days at the Hall.

George gave me a rather condescending sort of welcome; hoped I was getting on at school—I was at Eton in those days—enquired after those at home, but did not wait to hear an answer, and then endeavoured to engross Katie.

During dinner it was arranged that on the day after the next we were all to go out with the hounds, the meeting being within four miles of the house. Katie was delighted at this, and informed me that nothing pleased her so much as a scamper after the hounds.

On the following morning I went round the stable with Uncle Edward and George, and as we looked at the various animals, some in loose-boxes, some in stalls, I was asked which I would like to ride. I immediately made my selection, for a bright bay called "Duke" had attracted my eye as soon as I caught a glimpse of him. He was rather a small horse, but had large bone, although evidently thorough-bred; he was a picture to look at, had a beautiful little head, a large prominent eye, immense nostrils, and was large in girth. I intimated at once that if I might choose, I would prefer to have a mount on "Duke."

"On 'Duke!'" said George, with a

laugh; "why he'd break your neck in no time, and run away with you into the bargain. I like that idea. You had better be content with 'Peggy' there; she's more fitted for you."

I was not much pleased at this remark of George, but was not to be put down so easily by him, and so hinted that my neck was not so easily broken.

"But he is rather a dangerous animal," said my uncle, "although you have shown your judgment in choosing him, for a better bit of stuff never entered my stable. He is not thoroughly broken as a hunter yet; still he has a very fair idea of taking a fence; but you had better choose another nag."

"Well, uncle," said I, "please do let me try him to-morrow," for I rashly determined to risk everything rather than allow George to have a laugh at me.

"Oh, if you have made your mind up, go on him, of course; but don't blame me if you get a spill," said my uncle, "for I don't know how you ride, and you may be a mull for what I know."

"I'll not disgrace you," I replied, "and I think I can manage 'Duke' when once I get him out."

In the afternoon I slipped down to the stable and saw young Hacket, who'd been a jockey till he got too heavy, and was a most excellent rider. Hacket came from our neighbourhood, and I had known him when he was a boy, so I thought I would take his opinion about Duke.

"Having told him that I wanted particularly to ride the horse with the hounds on the following day, I asked him what he knew about him."

"Game to the back-bone, sir; and if you can manage him, there isn't a nag in the stable that he can't show his tail to."

"But he bolts, does he not?" I asked.

"No, he don't bolt, but he pulls like a steam-engine, and if you don't hold him he'll go, his own pace."

"Won't a sharp curb do?"

"Not a bit of use. You may bend it double and he don't care; but I tell you what will do."

"What is that?" I asked.

"Why, a powerful 'Pelham'—something of this kind, only a little different in the centre; with that a child could ride him with a bit of packthread."

"Where could I get a bit of that kind?"

"I've got one of my own, sir, and if you like I'll rig it up for you."

"I certainly would like to try it, then, and if possible would just take a canter before I go out."

"Oh, as to that, you could try it at once; only it isn't just as bright and clean as it ought to be."

"I should not like anybody to see me," I said, "so how can I manage?"

"Oh, easy enough, for I am going to take two horses, him and another, for fresh shoes presently, and you might just put him at a fence or two on the way—that won't harm him."

"Then," I replied, "I'll be outside the village in an hour, if that will do, and you can meet me there."

"Say three-quarters of an hour, sir, and I'll be there. Now, sir, these stirrups are about your length, and I think they may be a hole too short, but that is a fault on the right side. Don't worry him with the hand, but just feel him steadily, and take him on the turf—a canter won't harm him."

At the time appointed, I mounted Duke, whilst Hacket bestrode the other nag, and we walked on towards half-a-mile or so of turf that bordered the side of the road.

"Now, let us see how you can hold him, sir, for he's got a very big heart. Try if you can keep half-a-length behind me. Keep your hands low, and if you think he's going away with you, just shorten your reins, put your right hand on the right rein, half-way on towards the bit, and just pull his head slowly round: you could pull up an elephant in that way. It ain't no good lugging away at a runaway horse, for he's stronger than you are. Reins a little shorter, sir: keep him in hand, and now—off!"

Hacket shot away at a length in advance, but Duke made a bound as though fired from a cannon, and in an instant was alongside his stable companion. I had ridden many horses previously, and, as the sequel will show, was no mean horseman, but I had never before sat upon such a mass of whalebone-like muscles as those possessed by Duke. His power was immense, his stride free and quick, and it was delightful to feel such an animal beneath one.

"Now keep him back, sir; keep him back," said Hacket, "we ain't going to race—we're going to try your hand on him."

I took a good pull at Duke, but could not govern him in the least, and he was going at full speed.

"Right hand down, sir; down with it, or he'll be away with you," shouted Hacket.

I slipped my right hand down, grasped the broad strong rein firmly, and, with my elbow close to my side, pulled at Duke's mouth. The eager, gallant horse shook his head in an endeavour to free it, but in vain; and then, as I brought his head steadily round towards the right, he unwillingly shortened his stride, and allowed Hacket to shoot ahead. He did not resign himself, however, without a struggle,

but gave one or two vigorous jerks and a bound or two, and dragged and jerked at the bridle. I had, however, reduced his pace to a canter, and had perfect command over him. Hacket had pulled up, and now allowed me to come alongside of him.

"You've got a pair of good arms, sir, and a very promising hand. I believe a hand on a horse is born with a man, 'taint to be trained. Now you can manage that nag, and I'll just tell you now, if you'd a gone on pulling steadily at him, as some gents would a done, he'd a gone on ten miles 't'other side o' Goldstone, and you'd a had the cramp in your arms long afore that. Now you see how you can steady him when he tries to rush at his fences, and he can't bolt if you just pull him round with that right hand o' yours."

A tip of half-a-crown set matters all right, and I returned to the hall, dressed for dinner, and joined the party in the drawing-room.

I soon saw that there was some joke about me, and was not long in discovering that it was in reference to my projected mount. I took Katie in to dinner, and she informed me that George had bet her a pair of gloves that I should be "spilt" at the first fence. "So," said she, "I depend on you to win for me, and I believe you'll do very well."

I assured her that it would not be my fault if she did not win, and bore in mind that I owed Master George one for his impertinence in making such a bet.

(To be concluded in our next.)

## A Prairie Town.

It consists of four or five streets with brick or wooden buildings, though the favourite material for the construction of the stores is frame and canvas mixed. Drinking and gambling saloons and brothels compose the majority of the houses. The embryo city, however, boasts of a really good railway hotel, just opened, and a bank. Of church or chapel I saw no signs. The population is at present a floating one, containing some of the vilest scum of the earth—murderers, thieves, and loose women. The two former classes have lately been a good deal thinned by the exertions of that secret tribunal known and dreaded as the Vigilantes or Vigilance Committee.

I was told that most of the respectable storekeepers were members of this society, which exercises the functions of judge, jury, and executioner on all such murderers or horse-thieves—the latter of whose crime is considered much worse than that of the former—as they can catch. The sentence is carried out at night, and the very morning of our arrival at Laramie the bodies of six horse-thieves were found hanging to the timbers of a frame house in course of construction in the town, and four more dangled from the telegraph poles along the railroad; while underneath was posted a notice, signed "The Vigilance Committee," to the effect that, unless Bill Smith or Joe Brown (naming some suspected thieves) cleared out of Laramie at once, they would be served in the same manner. This lynch law is a stern necessity in these western towns, where those whose duties it is to carry out the behests of justice are often such unprincipled scoundrels that they can be bribed for a few dollars to let off the worst criminals. I was told by the officers stationed at Fort Steele of a case which occurred at Benton, a mile from that fort. A well-known bully shot a man in a drinking-house just for sport. When brought up before the district judge, though he openly boasted of having frequently committed similar acts, he was admitted to bail of a few dollars, and of course disappeared as soon as released. I heard of another case, in which the bully fortunately got considerably the worst of it. A gentleman was sitting by the stove in the public room of the hotel at Laramie, when a bully swaggered in, and spat on his boot. The gentleman remonstrated, whereupon the fellow spat in his face, and was immediately rewarded by being knocked down. Jumping up, foaming with rage, he attempted to stab the gentleman, but was prevented by the bystanders. It was then arranged that each should be armed with a bowie knife, and be put in a dark room upstairs, there to fight it out. This arrangement was carried out; and after waiting some time, a heavy fall was heard. On opening the door, the bully was discovered dead on the floor, while the conqueror had only a wound through the arm.

The Melbourne Age of a late date has the following brief but melancholy history of a ruined life:—"Another unfortunate. A raggedly dressed woman of twenty-six, once strikingly handsome, but now in an advanced state of consumption and palsied with drink, although so young, came before the city magistrate yesterday as a disorderly character, and was sent to the hospital for medical treatment. She gave no other name than Agnes Jessie, but her history is well known. She came to the colony a few years ago as a governess, and was qualified with every accomplishment for such a position. Her fate was that of so many others, and she became the mistress of a wealthy profligate, who cast her off penniless. Step by step she sunk almost to the lowest depth."

## Perilous Balloon Ascent in Sydney.

(From the S. M. Herald, Jan. 6.)

The balloon ascent is now an accomplished fact, and the disappointment occasioned by the unfortunate accident on Boxing Day has now in a great measure been removed. The bag was taken into the Outer Domain early yesterday morning, and placed in the hollow on the north-eastern part of the cricket-ground. The inflation of it commenced soon after nine o'clock. A crowd of from two to three hundred persons congregated at an early hour, and as the day wore on the numbers increased until not less than from ten to twelve thousand persons were present. The Domain presented the appearance of a great fair. Several of the business establishments in the city gave their work-people a half-holiday, in order that they might see the somewhat novel sight of a balloon ascent, an event which takes place but seldom in this Colony, although of frequent occurrence in England and America, and on the continent of Europe.

The balloon which went up yesterday is made of jaconet, which has been oiled several times to make it air-tight. It is 56 feet in length, 102 feet in circumference, and 34 feet in diameter. It is estimated to be capable of containing 22,000 feet of gas. The net which covers the bag is made of stout twine carefully knotted, and contains a large number of meshes, which alternate from one inch at the top to two feet as they approach the hoop. The arrangements for filling the bag were completed under the superintendence of the aeronaut, Mr T. Gale.

About four o'clock the huge bag was considered sufficiently inflated, although it was by no means full. The car was attached, and Mr Gale soon afterwards got inside it. The men who had been holding the guide-ropes let go, but the machine had not sufficient buoyancy to enable it to rise. The car was then detached, and the aeronaut fixed himself amongst the ropes, having first taken off his hat and placed a red cap on his head. He then called upon the men to let go the guide-ropes, but they either did not hear him, or else they were unwilling to allow him to risk an ascent, and they failed to let go, and a few minutes' delay occurred. Mr Gale re-arranged himself, and at his request the men let go their hold. The balloon rose a few feet from the ground, amidst great cheering from the multitude. The machine got clear over the hoarding and travelled along for about twenty yards, when Mr Gale found himself again on terra firma. A puff of wind came and carried it a few yards farther still in the direction of the Sydney Mint; and when it had got clear out of the hollow the breeze caught it and carried it upwards and onwards with great rapidity. In passing over the Mint, there appeared every likelihood of the balloon coming in contact with the roof of the building. It cleared the building, however, but passed so near to St. James' Church steeple that many people thought the machine would strike against it. In passing over the Mint, Mr Gale stood up, and then seated himself on the hoop, and in this position he pursued his aerial journey. Mr Gale took off his cap and waved it to the people, who responded by giving a tremendous cheer. The balloon, which did not ascend to any very great height, was driven by the north-east wind in almost a direct line towards Glebe Point. After crossing over the Ultimo Estate, it seemed to descend considerably, and many persons thought it would fall to the ground somewhere near the head of Black-Wattle Swamp. The wind, however, proved sufficiently strong to buoy it up, and carried it over the hill on the other side of the swamp, when it came in contact with a mulberry tree in some garden, and Mr Gale got himself stained with the fruit. It was soon liberated from the tree, when it almost instantly fell into Mr Mitchell's ground on the Glebe Point road, and nearly opposite to the Hon. George Allen's residence, Tooteth Park. Mr Gale was carried against the fence which divides Mr Mitchell's garden from the road; he held on to the fence with one hand, whilst with the other he opened the escape-valve. He retained himself in this position until assistance came. The gas having been discharged, the bag was folded up, and both it and its owner were soon afterwards in the city again.

Numbers of vehicles of all descriptions followed the direction in which the balloon was carried, and within a few minutes after it fell the Glebe road was completely blocked up with them, whilst hundreds of persons came rushing from all directions.

Considering all the circumstances of the case, it was one of the most daring balloon ascents ever made. Mr Gale had no grappling irons with him, owing to the extra weight they would have occasioned; and he had only one small bag of ballast. It is a matter of astonishment that he escaped uninjured.

President Grant has returned to Washington, after a protracted absence, which is much commented upon by the opposition press. One of these the other day had the following advertisement:—"If U. S. G., who has been so long absent on his long, long wanderings, will return to his distracted friends in Washington, all will be forgotten and forgiven."

## Interprovincial News.

Through the dearth of accommodation in Auckland during the recent visit of the Flying Squadron, no less than nine people slept under the portico of the Post-office on the night of the 3rd inst.

Attention is being directed in Auckland to the probable failure of the supply of kauri gum. This curious and valuable product is said to be rapidly getting scarce, and its total exhaustion at no very distant date is predicted.

A consignment of true and real English crows has arrived at Auckland by the City of Auckland, from London. The English crow is a well-known enemy and destroyer of the caterpillar, and the introduction of the species into the Colony will be hailed with welcome.

A blue-jacket belonging to one of the vessels of the Flying Squadron, on leave at the Thames, missed his passage by the last steamer to Auckland yesterday afternoon. His leave expired at six o'clock last night, and finding he could not possibly report himself on board at that hour, and to avoid being taken up as a deserter, he reported the circumstance to the Resident Magistrate at once, and obtained a certificate to that effect.—*Times Times.*

The Hawke's Bay Herald says:—"We may congratulate the settlers of Poverty Bay upon the dawn of a new era in the chequered history of that fine but unfortunate district. With a new Government township, and with such an addition to the rural population as that afforded by the fine lot of young fellows comprising the late Defence Force, a fresh impetus will be given to the prosperity of the district, which cannot fail soon to resume its position as the garden of New Zealand."

The Grey River Argus records a fatal mining accident, which occurred at Kossanna Terrace, Maori Creek, on Friday, 4th inst, by which a miner named John Fahey was smothered. It appears that the deceased was working in the face, putting in a set of timber and a seven-foot cap. While driving home the laths (the first blow being given to send the next lath up) the main cap on which the laths were driven canted to one side, and, without a moment's warning, down came the laths over head, striking Fahey on the upper part of the body with tremendous force, and covering him up with some tons of dirt and stone from the run of stuff that followed the opening. His mates say he did not live two minutes. A stifled agonising groan or two was all they heard. The deceased was about thirty years of age, and was a native of Galway, West of Ireland.

From the following it would seem that ladies are not above making merry at the expense of members of their own sex. An Auckland paper says:—"There was a little practical joking at the North Shore on Monday, which, as usual, resulted in unpleasant consequences. Three ladies, having proceeded to the bathing shed on the beach during the afternoon, for the purpose of undressing, were locked in the shed by a number of other young ladies who at that time were indulging in a bath, and kept close prisoners for over an hour. When liberated, one of the ladies fainted, and some considerable time elapsed before she recovered. In order to prevent a repetition of the affair on a future occasion, some of the friends of the fair sufferers made a raid upon the tumble-down shed, tore off the door, and threw it in the tide-way, and otherwise seriously damaged the building. Some severe personal reprimands, we believe, have also resulted between male friends of the two parties, and the customary serene peacefulness of many dwellers at the North Shore has, been, for a time, considerably disturbed by this untoward event."

A touching scene, illustrative of the peculiar instincts of our Maori brethren, was enacted in Pollen-street, Auckland, on Saturday. Trotting along the pathway was a tiny specimen of the rising Maori generation, clothed in a shirt (that, if clean, might have been detected as of check pattern), and his head surmounted by one of those funny little straw hats, of the kind known as "yachters." The article was bran new, and garnished with gorgeous blue ribbons. Following the child's footsteps, came a strapping Maori woman, who may have been his mother for aught we know, albeit her actions were scarcely indicative of the relationship. Suddenly, the child's head-piece caught her eye, and produced a fascinating effect. She stopped for a moment, gazed, and evidently coveted, for the next instant she rushed forward, seized the little fellow by the arm, and in a twinkling had dispossessed him of the treasure, and replaced it with a frowsy old hat and veil that had covered her own cranium. The child seemed paralysed with astonishment, but at last gave vent to his feelings in a terrific howl of terror and dismay. Back sprang the woman, uttering an exclamation indicative, it seemed to us, of still greater astonishment, and having frozen the wretched urchin into silence by a long glance of concentrated mesmeric power, she departed on her way rejoicing, the purloined article jauntily stuck on the end of her nose, according to the fashion introduced by her white sisters.—*Times Times.*

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BROOCHES and EARRINGS, extensive choice, set with diamonds and every other kind of precious stones.

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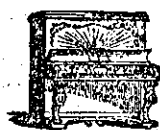
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